



House of Representatives

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RULES 2005 – 2006

1. The quorum of the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee will be six (6) members. Majority vote of those present is required for a bill to pass committee and move to the House. No voting shall occur unless a quorum is present.
2. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman; however, a majority of the members present and voting to recess or adjourn shall govern.
3. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom the author designates to do so. In the event more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors. The author of the bill submitted to the Committee will be notified of the day the bill is to be considered.
4. The chairperson shall establish the meeting agenda and determine the measures to be considered and the order of consideration. No motion that the committee recommend that a measure do pass or do not pass shall be in order until the chairperson has stated that such a motion will be entertained.
5. The chairperson may appoint subcommittees and officers of subcommittees and in the discretion of the chair refer any matter to a subcommittee; but no measure will be returned to the full House except after consideration by the full committee.
6. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if desired.
7. Any member may request that his/her vote be recorded on action taken by the committee on any bill or resolution.
8. The chairperson may present to the committee a proposed change in these rules at any time. Any other member proposing a change in these rules shall provide written notice of the proposed change to the chairperson and secretary at least 72 hours before presenting any proposed change to the committee.
9. Meetings are scheduled for each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. or upon the call of the Chairman.

10. Officers of the committee (Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary) shall be ex-officio members with voting rights in subcommittee meetings.
11. During committee meetings, committee members and those in the audience shall turn off or place in silent mode all cell phones, pagers, and other similar devices.
12. As needed time limits on testimony may be implemented when lengthy debate on an issue is expected
13. The rules of the House shall prevail in all matters not covered by the Committee Rules.